



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, July 23, 2023

PRELUDE

Please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: God of mercy, when this world seems overrun by the evil that surrounds us, remind us that your Son, Jesus, has conquered evil and death and triumphed over all. Help us to confront the evil that can reside within us and turn it over to your transformative grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **Come, You Thankful People, Come.....RECLAIM No. 261**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

L: Friends in Christ, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people, leading us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there are times when we have wronged our fellow sheep and wandered from our Shepherd. But we are not abandoned. Trusting in the goodness of our God and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit within us, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves, confess our sins, and seek God's ceaseless mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

L: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by the power of sin and have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger and outsider. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

L: People of God, hear this glad news: Jesus Christ has come so that you might have new and abundant life. In his name and by his authority alone, I forgive you all your sins. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system is a vocal line for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) with the lyrics: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of". The second system continues the vocal line with: "hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-". The third system is a piano accompaniment line with the lyrics: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The fourth system continues the piano accompaniment with: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The fifth system is a piano accompaniment line with the lyrics: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and dynamic markings like *div.* and *unis.*

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hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

Isaiah used the backdrop of an imaginary courtroom scene to make the dramatic declaration that the God of Israel was the only God. This affirmation of the supremacy of Israel's God meant that Israel need not fear.

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:57-64

The psalmist entreated God to be gracious to him, asserting the ways in which he has loved God's word and kept God's commandments.

R: The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

C: I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

R: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

C: I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

R: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

C: At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules.

R: I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

C: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-27

Paul acknowledged that the whole creation is under stress and experiencing the pain of childbirth. He proclaimed that current sufferings are nothing compared to the future glory that will be revealed at Christ's return. He reminded the Roman Christians that they had hope as children of God.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the

Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁴He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"³¹ ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the

house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Safe in the Barn

HYMN: Take My Life, and Let It Be (vss. 1,2,3,6).....RECLAIM No. 233

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose

again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Abide with Me (*arr: Jantz A. Black*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Standing on the Promises (*see back of the bulletin*)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

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Reader: Sharon Litynski

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net.

Tithes and Offerings: Thank-you for your generous financial gifts to further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate is located in the narthex.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the friendship pad at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements. This allows us to fully appreciate those with us in worship and better connect with our guests.

We are currently in the process of **updating contact information** for the congregation. Please stop by the Welcome Center and confirm that your address, email, and phone numbers are up to date. The updated contact list will be distributed to everyone next month.

Women of the Word donations for the **Global Health Ministries hospice kits** are coming along nicely. We are striving for 30 kits. Here is an updated list of what we have collected:

- Towels - 20
- Toothbrushes - 25
- Fingernail clippers - 9
- Pillowcases - 20
- Vaseline - 14
- Kitchen household gloves (medium size) - 7

Any unlisted items have been completed. Thank-you for participating in this mission project for those in need! Contact Karen Jaeck with any questions you may have.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	July 23	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	July 24	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	July 26	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Book/Video Discussion
Thursday	July 27	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	July 30	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

Standing on the Promises

He has given us his very great and precious promises — 2 Peter 1:4 NIV

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing storms of
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal -
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment

let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

WORDS: R. Kelso Carter, 1849-1928
 MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1849-1928

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